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CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST OPERATORS OF THE 2200 CLUB AT 2200 UNIVERSITY

San Diego, CA: A criminal complaint has been filed against the operators of 2200 Club and the owner of the property, alleging six misdemeanor counts for failing to have a bathhouse permit and for operating an adult sexual encounter establishment in violation of zoning laws.

"Establishments must operate within the law," said Assistant City Attorney Chris Morris. "Bathhouses are allowed under the Municipal Code and regulated by County Health, but the activity observed in the 2200 Club at University has violated our local laws."

According to Head Deputy City Attorney Diane Silva-Martinez, Vice officers from San Diego Police Department conducted inspections over the past year and observed conduct which makes the business come under the definition of an "adult sexual encounter establishment." Any adult sexual encounter establishment in San Diego must conform to zoning laws.

Zoning laws prohibit the location of adult entertainment establishments within 1000 feet of the following uses:

- o another adult entertainment establishment;
- o a school:
- o a residence;
- o a church;
- o a park;
- o a social service institution

The defendants named are Alma Vasic, John Tennis Smith, Robert Smith, and Mark Ernest Carter. Their arraignment date is scheduled for December 29th in San Diego Superior Court.

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